

Advertisements.

THE NAGASAKI HOTEL, LIMITED.

CAPITAL \$130,000—
LOCAL CURRENCY.
(Payable in full in Nagasaki)
DIVIDED INTO 1,300 SHARES OF
100 DOLLARS EACH.

Directors:
F. RINGER, Esq. (Messrs. Holmes, Ringer & Co.)
(Chairman of Directors)
F. G. STONE, Esq. (China & Japan Trading Co.)
M. GINSBURG, Esq. (Ginsburg & Co.)
D. ROBERTSON, Esq.
M. E. PAUL, Esq., M.D.

Bankers:
THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

Secretaries (pro tem.):
Messrs. HOLME, RINGER & Co.,
NAGASAKI.

Prospectuses and Forms of Application may
be obtained from the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION at HONGKONG.
Share List for Hongkong will CLOSE March
15th, 1897.
Nagasaki, 16th February, 1897. [345]

ARMY CONTRACTS.

TENDERS will be received for the SUPPLY
of PROVISIONS, and for SERVICES
as below, required for the TROOPS at HONG-
KONG for 12 Months from 1st APRIL next.

PROVISIONS:

1. GENERAL SUPPLIES, including Beef, Mutton, Pork, Vegetables, Coal, Firewood, Oil, &c., &c.
2. HOSPITAL SUPPLIES, including Beef, Mutton, Pork, Vegetables, Fruit, Wine, and Medical Commodities Generally.

SERVICES:

3. Provision of Launches and Boats, Coolies, Labour and Watchmen.
4. Washing, Bedding and Clothing.
5. Scavenging, Sweeping, Cleaners and supplying Dry Earth.
6. Lighting and supplying Oil for Lamps.
7. Purchase of Empty Hogsheads.
8. Purchase of Lead of Bullets Fired on Military Rifle Ranges at Kowloon.

Tenders must be made on Forms, which, together with any further information required, may be obtained at HEADQUARTERS OFFICE, B. COMMISSARIAT BUILDINGS, between the hours of 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. daily on to the 2nd March, 1897.

Headquarters Office, B.
Hongkong, 15th February, 1897. [344]

ZETLAND LODGE.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS'
HALL, Zetland Street, on MONDAY, the 1st
March, at 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting
Brethren are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1897. [348]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.
The Company's Steamship

"NAMO,"
Captain Hall, will be despatched for the above
Ports on THURSDAY, the 25th instant, at
Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1897. [346]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.
The Company's Steamship

"SUNGKIANG,"
Captain C. B. N. Dodd, will be despatched for the
above on SATURDAY, the 27th instant, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents,
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1897. [347]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND CONTINENT.
The Steamship

"GLAMORGANSHIRE,"
Captain Vyvyan, will be despatched for the
above on SATURDAY, the 27th instant, at Noon.
This Steamer has good Accommodation for a
few First-class Passengers and carries a Surgeon.
For Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1897. [350]

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK &
COMPANY,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are
made under the constant supervision of a daily
qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison
with the best English Manufactures.
Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSERS and
other Large Consumers.
Any complaints should be addressed to the
Manager.
Hongkong, 30th January, 1897. [427]

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE HONGKONG
TELEGRAPH" ARE MOST RESPECTFULLY
REQUESTED TO PAY THEIR SUBSCRIPTIONS
IN ADVANCE.

Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINE AND SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London House,
bought direct at first hand, imported in wood
and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all inter-
mediate profits, and enabling us to supply the
best growths at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on
Application.

PORT after removal should be rested a month
before use. When required for drinking at
once it should be ordered to be decanted at
the DISPENSARY before being sent out.

SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner
Wines of very superior Vintages. All are
true Xeres Wines.

CLARET.—Our Claret, including the lowest
Priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine
product of the juice of the grape and are not
artificially made from raisins and casks,
as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be
pure COGNAC, the difference in price being
merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKEY.—All our Whiskey is of excellent
quality and of greater age than most brands
in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKEY
marked "E" is universally popular, and is
pronounced by the best local connoisseurs
to be superior to any other brand in the
Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our WINE and SPIRITS
to be genuine when bought direct from us in the
Colony or from our authorized Agents at the
Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, 15th September, 1896. [6]

BIRTHS.

On January 13th, at 114, Park-street, London,
the Hon. Mrs. ALGERNON ARBON, wife of Comdr.
Arbon, R.N., H.M.S. *Victory*, of a son.

At Pakhoi, on the 13th instant, the wife of
E. L. B. ALLEN, Esq., H.M. Consul, of a son.

At 14, Quilon Road, Shanghai, on the 18th
instant, the wife of A. COZU, of a son.

On the 2nd instant, at Tientsin, "La Grande
Maison Universelle," the wife of L. J. NEW-
MARCH, Imperial Chinese Railway, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

At H.B.M. Consulate, Chikling, on the 15th
instant, by W. R. CURLES, Esq., ARCHIBALD
ORR-EWING, of the China Inland Mission,
Kichang, to Miss A. R. FREEMAN, daughter
of T. F. FREEMAN, Esq., of New Southgate,
London, N.

DEATHS.

At Fochow, on the 4th instant, accidentally
drowned, WERNER KROHN, of Messrs. S. Messen
& Krohn.

At No. 18, Nanking Road, on the 16th instant,
ROSALIE SCHILLER, mother of Mrs. L. Rosenthal
and Miss Helen Schiller, of Shanghai, and
Alfred Schiller, of San Francisco, aged 62 years.

At No. 30, Tsukiji, Tokio, on the 10th instant,
HENRY HARTSHORN, M.D., L.L.D., of Philadel-
phia, U.S.A.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The duties devolving on the Editor of a
public journal are often both onerous and
irksome and they are, too, oftentimes very
unpleasant. It is impossible to please
everybody, no matter what opinion may
be expressed, and the duty of finding fault
gives little satisfaction to the critic, while
the revulsion of feeling caused by what
may be, in the public interest, very necessary
hostile criticism often makes those
whose duty it is to be ever on the alert
to safeguard the best interests of a large
constituency inclined to chime in with
our friend "Bobby" when he says his lot
is not altogether a happy one, simple as his
duty may appear to be to the uninitiated.
To-day, however, our duty is unquestion-
ably a very pleasant one, for it devolves
on us to congratulate the Government on
having made highly satisfactory altera-
tions in the status of some of the officials.
We refer to the promotion of Mr. T.
SARCOMER SMITH (Pulse Judge) to the
highly responsible post of Colonial Treas-
urer, and the elevation of Mr. A. W.
BAXWYN (Acting Assistant Registrar-
General) to the summit of the Education
Department of this Colony, in which office
he succeeds Dr. E. J. ERTEL, who, we
believe, retires on a well-earned pension.
Mr. A. M. THOMSON, too, has not been
passed over and is, we understand, con-
firmed in the appointment of Postmaster-
General, the duties of which have devolved
on him for some time past.

We cordially join with Mr. SARCOMER
SMITH's many friends in congratulating
him on his new appointment. He will be
the right man in the right place, for
a more painstaking official and one
more devoted to the public interest it
would be hard to find in any of the Crown
Colonies. He has hitherto given full
satisfaction to his chiefs in all the posts he
has held here, and has invariably earned
the gratitude and respect of the general
public as the result of the faithful per-
formance of his manifold duties. Mr.

SARCOMER SMITH is still a young man. He
is now Colonial Treasurer. We predict
with confidence, that, if merit is the guid-
ing principle of promotion in the Civil
Service, he will not be a very old man
when he assumes duty as Colonial
Secretary somewhere.

The mantle of the Inspector of Schools
could not have fallen on more capable
shoulders than when it passed to Mr.
BAXWYN. He, like Mr. SARCOMER SMITH,
has worked his way up the ladder
and receives office as the reward of
merit. The office is a difficult one to
fill, and it requires a man possessed of
special qualities to discharge the duties,
as Dr. ERTEL has ever done, in a manner
as once satisfactory to the powers that be
and creditable to himself. It is a pretty
big jump from Acting Assistant Registrar-
General to Inspector of Schools, but we
have full confidence that Mr. BAXWYN
will prove himself worthy of the con-
fidence reposed in him and that the
grand cause of education will not suffer
at his hands.

And now we have to take leave of Dr.
ERTEL—in his official capacity. We do not
say good-bye, and we sincerely hope
that many a week and month and
year will pass by before we have to
say farewell. The educational
movement in the Colony has developed
enormously since he held the reins of office.
He has discharged his duties in a
thoroughly conscientious manner from
first to last and he deserves well
of the Colony. Many will live
to bless his memory; many indeed will
grieve when he is "called away." We
trust that many years of usefulness yet
remain to Dr. ERTEL, and that he will
receive liberal treatment at the hands
of the Government that his works in
our midst undoubtedly entitle him to. We
do not all get what we deserve, but Dr.
ERTEL will at least have a clear conscience,
feeling assured that he did his duty
to the best of his ability and that success
attended his efforts to promote education
among the rising generation.

We note that the arrival of an American
gunboat in the Menam River, close to the
city of Bangkok, gave rise a few days ago
to all sorts of sensational reports, and
these drilling into the office of the bellicose
Siam Free Press were promptly magnified
to quite an alarming extent; that is,
alarming if the *Free Press* is to be taken
seriously. It at once put in print a leader
asserting that Siam is "embroiled" with
France, Germany and the United States
and intimated that the American warship
had come to back up the American Minis-
ter's representations. Then it said that
the American flagship *Olympia* would soon
be in the Gulf of Siam; but as a matter
of fact it is the *Deloit* that has gone to
Bangkok. The arrival of the Austrian
cruiser *Panther* was next commented on,
it being thought that she had come to
"obtain some satisfaction for the murder
of the Austrian engineer Babel in the in-
terior" and that "the Powers are deter-
mined to have a settling up with Siam."

It appears likely enough that there are
at present German, British, American,
French and Austrian warships in Siamese
waters, but whether they have assembled
there in consequence of a rupture
between Siam and France, or because the
American Minister vigorously protested to
the Siamese Government in respect
of some slight difficulty between the
American Vice-Consul at Chehngmai and
certain native officials, we are not yet
informed. The independence of the
Kingdom is guaranteed by Great Britain
and France under what is known as
the January Agreement, signed last year,
and the only nation that seems to have
ignored the terms of that compact is
France, who still occupies the port of
Chantaboon, on the Gulf of Siam. It is
just possible that some difficulty may have
arisen in respect of the occupation of
Chantaboon. If, we say, possible, though
very unlikely—just now. One thing we
do know is that as the independence of
Siam is guaranteed by France and
England no third Power can be permitted
to take action calculated to impair that
independence.

We have said that France and Great
Britain have agreed to uphold the in-
dependence of Siam, but as there appears to
be some doubt about the terms of such a
compact we may as well point out that it
is stated in the January Agreement that
"Nothing shall hinder any action on
which the two Powers may agree, and
which they shall think necessary, in
order to uphold the independence of
the Kingdom of Siam. They engage not
to enter into any separate agreement
permitting a third Power to take any
action from which they are bound by the
present Declaration themselves to abstain."
In face of these conditions and in the
absence of any reasonably probable cause
we decline to assume, as others have
done, that "war is in the air." We do not
think it in the slightest degree probable.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTERS MESSAGE.

THE EASTERN EMBOGLIO.

LONDON, February 23rd.
Lord Salisbury has intimated to the Powers
that before taking action against Greece he is
desirous of learning the views of the other Powers
regarding the future Government of Crete. He
himself is in favour of an autonomy similar to
that of Samoa. Italy and France agree with
Lord Salisbury, whilst Austria alone has accepted
the Emperor William's proposal to blockade the
Piræus.

An immense demonstration has taken place
at Athens, during which the King delivered a
stirring address from the balcony of the palace.
Kastriotis has fled to Albania, where the Turks
and Greeks are collecting in the frontier.

TELEGRAMS.

(From Kobe Chronicle)

NAVAL.

TOKIO, February 13th.
Admiral Ito, Vice-Minister for the Navy, is
reported to have decided to resign his post. It
is believed Admiral Yamamoto will be appointed
his successor.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK.

TOKIO, February 12th.
The Yokohama Specie Bank is making inves-
tigations with a view to establishing agencies
at Amoy and Singapore.

THE CAPTIVE KING OF KOREA.

SEOUL, February 12th.
A number of Koreans under the leadership of
Cho Hei Shiki, have addressed a representation
to the King asking that his Majesty should re-
turn to the Royal Palace from the Russian
Legation. The petition was delivered sev-
eral days ago, and the petitioners have
since been waiting for a reply. A Royal
Message was issued to-day, announcing that
His Majesty would withdraw from the Rus-
sian Legation after the repairs of the Meiji
Palace have been completed. [Indefinite
enough!]

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

MR. G. D. PIERCE, of the British Consular
Service, Shanghai, has been transferred to
Chikling.

A LIGHTHOUSE has been erected at Bitokaku,
Tatpoh, Formosa, and has been in use since the
1st instant.

ACCORDING to latest advices from Japan there
have been heavy falls of snow all along the
west coast of Japan.

FOR taking "French leave" of his employer, a
house coolie was to-day fined \$10 or in default
of one month's confinement.

A FATAL fire broke out in a laundry in Kobe on
the 8th instant, by which five houses were de-
stroyed; three men perished in the flames and two
others were crushed to death by falling beams.

FROM the *Japan Mail* we learn that His Hon-
our Mr. Justice Mowat is visiting Nagasaki to
hold a Commission in Lunacy in the case of Mr.
A. Norman, proprietor of the *Nagasaki Evening
Sun and Express*.

By the steamer *Emerald*, which arrived here
yesterday from Manila, Mrs. Roxas, widow of
Francisco Roxas, who was shot in Manila on
account of suspicion that he took part in the
rebellion, was a passenger. Her three sons and
three daughters accompanied her.

We have it on very good authority that in view
of the approaching festivities in connection with
the Queen's record reign, all the ships of the
British and Foreign Squadrons in the East have
been invited to come to Hongkong for that
occasion. The Japanese are also contemplating
sending some ships here.

THE next meeting of shareholders in the Hong-
kong Hotel Company, Ltd., will be held at noon
on the 27th instant. The report of the Directors,
which reached us at about 5 p.m. to-day, sets
forth that during the last six months of 1896
the profit amounted to \$24,110.75 and that the
Directors propose to write off furniture and
fixtures \$5000; transfer to repairs and renewals
account \$4000, and carry forward \$447.38.

A NAVAL regatta took place in the harbour
yesterday and proved very interesting, the crew
of the Russian and American vessels competing.
A *Firebrand* crew took first prize (\$25) in the
cutter's race and an American crew won the
second prize. In the gig race a crew from the
Alacrity was first (\$25), crews from the *Rurik*,
second and third (\$25 and \$10), and an *Alacrity*
crew also took fourth prize (\$15).

THE latest report of the Eastern Telegraph
Company states that the revenue for the six
months ended Sept. 30 last amounted to £235,465,
from which are deducted £103,376 for the
ordinary expenses and £22,121 for expenditure
relating to repairs and renewals of cables, &c.,
during the half year. After providing £5,112
for depreciation of spare cable, £208
due to revaluation of currency assets, and
£5,817 for income tax, there remains a
balance of £199,749, to which is added £1,152
brought from the preceding half-year, making a
total available balance of £200,901. From this
balance there have been paid—Interest on
debentures and debenture stock, £20,290;
dividend on preference shares, £20,290;
two interim dividends of 2s. 6d. per share each
on the ordinary shares, £100,000—£149,920.
After carrying £10,000 to the reserve fund for
maintenance of ships, £75,000 to the general
reserve fund, £10,000 to the Fire Insurance
Fund, and £10,000 to the Land and Buildings
Depreciation Fund, there remains a balance of
£41,979, which is carried forward to the next
account. The revenue includes £23,186
dividends for the half-year upon the Company's
shares in other telegraph companies.

LAST night's performance of "Les Cloches de
Corneville" at the Theatre Royal by the Am-
ateur Dramatic Club was a decided improvement
upon that of the opening night. The punting
knife has been judiciously applied, and every-
thing running smoothly the piece was concluded
some twenty minutes earlier than on Saturday.
Several of the hints given in our critique have,
we notice, been taken in good part and acted upon,
to the improvement of the general effect. Mrs.
Mitchell had recovered from the slight nervous-
ness which somewhat marred her rendering of
the part of *Germaine* in the first performance.
Goby and the *Belle* were again immense, but
unfortunately the instrumental effects introduced
by the latter in the Hiding Fair scene broke down.
We notice that several alterations have taken place
in the dresses of the chorus. One thing, how-
ever, we cannot let pass unnoticed, and that is
the apparent want of enthusiasm among the
audience. Although applause was frequently given,
the house seemed to be afraid of making a noise
and gave one the impression of being in an as-
sembly that had recently undergone some great
bereavement which prevented the individual
members giving full vent to their feelings of ap-
plaud. Possibly the notice that no encore
could be responded to may have had something
to do with it, but still the impression was forced
upon us that there was justification for much
more enthusiasm.

THE Council of the Royal Colonial Institute, on
behalf of about 4,000 Fellows residing in all parts
of Her Majesty's dominions, have presented a
memorial to the Marquis of Salisbury
suggesting the advisability of taking early steps
for the unification of time at sea, a question of
world-wide interest which has been brought
under the consideration of the Council by the
Royal Society of Canada, an important and
influential body which has invited their co-opera-
tion in strongly advocating this reform in the
interests of navigation and commerce.

AT the Police Court to-day two women were
sentenced to 6 months' hard labour, and a third
was bound over to be of good behaviour, for
having been concerned in a child-stealing case.
It appears that a little girl of 13 was sent to the
market by her mistress to buy food and a boy
snatched the money from her hand. She chased
him until she lost herself, when two of the
women took her to a house and locked her up.
They then attempted to extort money from the
mistress before delivering the girl and the police
were put on their track. Chinese Constable 137
especially distinguished himself and he was to-
day commended by the Bench for his smartness.

IN connection with the recent prosecution of Miss
Jacob the Yokohama papers publish the follow-
ing correspondence on the 14th inst.—"13th
February, 1897. Madam, I am this moment,
and for the first time, in receipt of proof which
is conclusive to my mind that you were not the
writer of the A. L. letters; and I now hasten to
ask you to accept that apology which I have
heretofore been unable conscientiously to offer you
for the pain and mental suffering to which you
have been put in consequence of the charge I
considered it my duty to prefer against you, and
which I am now convinced was unfounded.—
Very faithfully, J. F. Lowder.—Miss Mary Esther
Jacob, No. 2, Bluff." "Yokohama, 13th February,
1897.—J. F. Lowder, Esq., Present. 'Sir,—On
behalf of my client, Miss Mary Esther Jacob,
I have to acknowledge, with thanks, your letter
of this date addressed to her.—I am, sir, yours
sincerely, Geo. H. Seldman."

THE *Health News* for November, 1896, a copy
of which we have received from the publishers,
contains many interesting articles dealing with
social and sanitary matters. The "Lowering of
the General Death Rate" is ably dealt with by
Sir Joseph Ewart, M.D., F.R.C.P., &c., who
carefully analyses the returns of deaths from
different diseases for a considerable period. In
the three years 1894-96 the death-rate per
million from 1894-96 was 219, but in 1897-98
it had diminished to 22, while in the same periods
death from the group of fevers including enteric,
typhus, &c., fell from 793 to 191 per million of
population. Tuberculous diseases, on the other
hand, appear to have maintained a uniform
death-rate and show no such diminution.
The balance of the articles chiefly deal
with adulteration of food stuffs, hygiene, and
health subjects generally, while quick
notions are exposed with the greatest
possible candour, and as becomes the official
organ of the Anti-Adulteration Society, a notice
appears on the cover to the effect that all quick
advertisements are rigorously excluded. The
Health News, with its excellent articles and
the fearless exposure of sanitary and social evils,
should doubtless find in Hongkong a rich harvest
of matter for comment and denunciation.

We have received a copy of the *Medical
Reformer* for 31st December, 1896, which is
apparently a journal started with the object of
backing up the Bilit Dietetic System, by which all
diseases to which flesh is heir are to be treated
and cured without the aid of drugs. Dr. Bilit,
in a series of articles, explains his method of
treatment, which consists in prescribing different
foods for the patient calculated to counteract the
effects of the disease from which he or she may
be suffering, for, according to the founder of this
system of treatment, all diseases arise from
neglect of the rules of diet. Fermentation he
asserts to be the true secret of life, and hence on
the fermentation of the food taken depends the
health of the body and the continuity of the vital
spark. Under this system a consulting hospital
has been established styled the Naturopathic
Institute, where all diseases are to be treated on
dietetic lines. A long list of questions to be
answered by those in need of treatment is pub-
lished and is, if anything, more searching than
the list of questions attached to an application
for a life insurance policy. Among the diseases
enumerated as capable of cure by diet is curvate-
ure of the spine, and we must remark that we
fall to see what effect the food or have upon
that particular position of the human anatomy.
Dr. Bilit's system will doubtless recommend
itself to those hypochondriacal persons whose
imaginary ailments are as numerous as the
printer's errors in Dr. Bilit's paper, the *Medical
Reformer*.

Tax six men brought up at the Magistracy yester-
day charged with "gang" robbery were
remanded till Monday. It appears that four of
them first went to a shop No. 141 Queen's Road
Central, at 9.45 p.m. on Saturday, the place
being jointly occupied by a money changer and
a druggist. A little boy, who saw them enter the
kitchen, informed a constable and they took
the alarm and cleared off. A quarter of an
hour later some half dozen similar visitors
armed with revolvers came to 264, Queen's
Road Central, occupied by a goldsmith and a
jewellery dealer. They untied the inmates and
ransacked the place, taking jewellery, money,
&c., to the value of \$600, and then left. The
police at the Central Station were notified soon
after and the Water Police were put on the alert
by a check being fired from Fodder's Wharf. On
Sunday morning, "from information received,"
Inspector Stanton, Sergeant Melvior, Inspector
Hennery, and a posse of Chinese detectives
and plain-clothes men went to No. 1 of First
Street which place was strategically surrounded.
The inspectors, the Sergeant and a posse of
Chinese detectives entered the place and
arrested four men. A search was made
and on two of them were found packets of
earrings, hair ornaments, gold bangles, and
other jewellery which had been stolen from 264,
Queen's Road Central, and a jemmy was also
found concealed under the eaves of the house.
This jemmy exactly fitted the marks made on
the boxes and drawers. The landlord of the
house and another man were also arrested and
the six were promptly taken to No. 7 Police
Station, where the persons robbed. Identified
as the culprits. A loaded revolver was
found in the room, and one of the men resisted
very violently.

THE SUICIDE ON THE "GRAFTON."

INQUEST TO-DAY.

At the Magistracy to-day an inquest was held
regarding the death of Captain John
Ward, R.M.L.I., of H.M.S. *Grafton*, whose body
was found on board the vessel yesterday with a
gunshot wound in the head.

Commander Arthur Hewitt, of H.M.S. *Grafton*,
deposed that on the 22nd inst., about
1.10 p.m., he was in his cabin and heard a rifle
shot on the starboard side of the ship; witness
was struck by splinters of wood and saw the shot
come through the after bulkhead. He at once
went to the next cabin aft; he found the
deceased severely wounded in the head with a
rifle shot. The rifle was lying alongside him,
and he was bareheaded, with one leg bent half
up, appearing as if he had pulled the
trigger with his toe. Witness at once
sent for the doctor and reported the occurrence
to the captain. Deceased joined in August of last
year and came from hospital, being turned over
to the *Grafton* from the *Edgar*. By the
Captain's orders the door was closed and a sentry
placed there after the doctor reported death.
Deceased came from shore list at 11 a.m. on the
22nd inst. and was placed under arrest
about a quarter of an hour after. He had gone
ashore some time on the previous day.

To His Worship—Had reason to believe
deceased was in serious pecuniary difficulties.
He had not been under arrest before. Witness
had ascertained that deceased had been in-
spected by a brother officer outside the Hongkong
Club at 12.30 the night before. Witness
should say deceased was not sober when the
shooting took place. Had never heard him
make any threat of taking his life. Witness
had the reason in deceased's cabin yesterday
placed in security after his arrest. The arms
rack was immediately outside his cabin. On the
previous Saturday, 20th inst., he had been in
charge of a firing party. Deceased had 50
rounds of ball cartridge in his charge for issuing
to sentries in case of emergency. The arms
were secured on the recommendation of Staff
Surgeon Crowley. Witness noticed nothing

Intimations.

It is
WASTE OF TIME
for us to "pull" our preparations, as every maker's goods are "the best" in his own estimation.

PEACH-BLOSSOM SOAP
AND
CHAMPAGNE BITTERS,
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Proprietors,
Hongkong, 13th February, 1897.

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HOTEL METROPOLE,
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FIRST-CLASS HOTELS, centrally situated, well-furnished, the Cuisine under the Supervision of approved French Chef has no equal. ENTIRE FOREIGN MANAGEMENT. Experienced English matron in attendance.

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TOKYO.

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FEVER, RHEUMATIC AND NEURALGIC AFFECTIONS, NERVOUS AFFECTIONS.

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SOLUBLE CASEIN-SILVER PREPARATION.
Used in Gonorrhoea in 1 to 2 per cent. solution possesses similar bactericidal action to silver nitrate, but is distinguished by complete absence of irritating properties.
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A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, TO-MORROW, the 24th instant, at 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, 15th February, 1897.

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Hongkong, 15th December, 1896.

Shipping.

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MONTHLY SERVICE.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID AND MARSEILLES.
THE Company's Chartered Steamship

"BALMORAL,"
Commander MacRitchie, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 27th instant, at 4 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Hongkong, 15th February, 1897.

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI, VIA SWATOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"TAIWAN,"
Captain Price, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 24th instant, at 2 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1897.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEWCHANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW and PORTS on the YANGTZE.)

THE Company's Steamship

"DARDANUS,"
Captain Gregory, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 24th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1897.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"ENERGIA,"
to sail about 25th February, 1897.
S.S. "STRATHLEVEN," to sail about 7th March, 1897.
S.S. "MACDUFF," to sail about 22nd March, 1897.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1897.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship

"KWEIYANG,"
Captain Osterhede, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 27th instant, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1897.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at TIMOR, PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship

"AIRLIE,"
Captain Ellis, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 27th instant.
This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.
This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.
A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 18th February, 1897.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"PROMETHEUS,"
Captain Day, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 1st March.
For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1897.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

JAPAN-AUSTRALIA LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

(Under Mail Contract.)

FOR THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship

"TOKIO MARU,"
Captain E. S. Barrow, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 26th March, at 4 P.M.
This Steamer possesses Superior Passenger Accommodation and carries a duly qualified Doctor and a European Stewardess.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1897.

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE British Barque

"SUMBANA,"
Rehberg, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 7th December, 1896.

FOR NEW-YORK.

THE 3 1/2 A.T. American Ship

"BENJAMIN SEWELL,"
Sewall, Master, shortly expected from Shanghai, will load here and will be despatched by end of February.
For Freight, apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 6th January, 1897.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 100 A.T. British Ship

"FALLS OF DEER,"
Lock, Master, shortly expected, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1897.

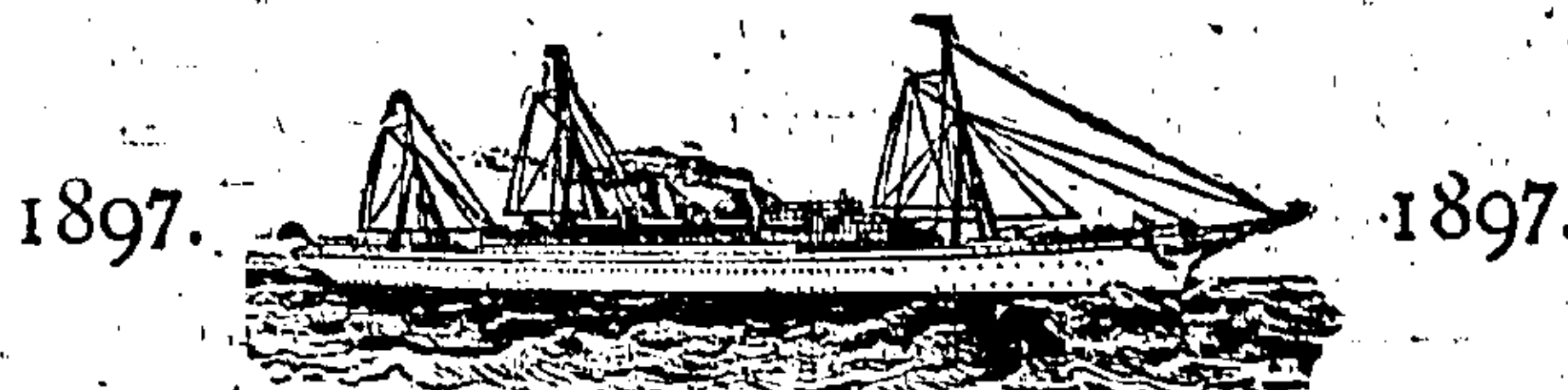
FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE American Bark

"COLOMA,"
Noyes, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
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Hongkong, 10th February, 1897.

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Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPEROR OF JAPAN...Comdr. H. Pybus, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 17th March.
EMPEROR OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 7th April.
EMPEROR OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 28th April.

THE magnificent Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, making close connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS OF THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates. Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First-class only) granted to Ministers, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

CIRCULAR PACIFIC TOUR TICKETS Hongkong to Vancouver, Vancouver to Sydney, Australia, via Honolulu, and Sydney to Hongkong via Brisbane and Torres Straits. Good for 9 months.

The attractive features of this Company's route, embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition) and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

Hongkong, 17th February, 1897.

D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
Fidell's Street.

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE.

VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS.

ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama) ... Tuesday, 24th Feb., at Daylight.

Gaile (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Saturday, 13th March, at Noon.

Doris (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Thursday, 1st April, at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship

"COPTIC" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA AND YOKOHAMA, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th February, 1897, at Daylight.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates, and particulars of the various Routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (First-class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European Officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares for China and Japan to Europe.

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until Five P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, 10th February, 1897.

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AT REASONABLE PRICES.

Hongkong, 14th February, 1897.

U. S. MAIL LINE. PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

City of Rio de Janeiro (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Tuesday, 2nd March, at Noon.

City of Peking (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama) ... Tuesday, 23rd March, at Noon.

China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Tuesday, 13th April, at Noon.

THE U.S. Mail Steamship

"CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA AND HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, the 2nd March, 1897, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained upon application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding Orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways; and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European Officials in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1897.

NOTICE.

THE BEST PREVENTIVE OF ALL INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

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AVOID ALL RISK OF OUTBREAK BY ITS USE.

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VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN.

THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the Pacific Coast and the INTERIOR and EASTERN Cities of the UNITED STATES and CANADA and to EUROPE.

HONGKONG TO LONDON \$400.
Excellent accommodation. First-class Tables. DOCTOR and STEWARDESSE carried.

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The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route. Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the first class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO TACOMA \$225.
Rates of Passage to other Ports on application. Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Braemar 3,601 | Wednesday | Feb. 24.
Tacoma 2,549 | Tuesday ... | Mar. 2.
Victoria 3,167 | Tuesday ... | Mar. 23.
Olympia 2,668 | Tuesday ... | April 3.
Braemar 3,601 | Tuesday ... | May 4.

THE Steamship

"BRAEMAR,"
Captain Porter, sailing at Noon, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th February, will proceed to VICTORIA (B.C.), and TACOMA (Wash.), via KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Ports, and to Canadian and United States Ports.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Ports should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the care of the Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1897.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and AMERICAN PORTS.)

THE Steamship

"RAVENNA,"
Captain C. T. Denny, R.N.R., carrying Elder Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from this port BOMBAY, &c., on THURSDAY, the 25th February, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuable, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under management) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 11th February, 1897.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS.

LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Prinzess Alice Tuesday ... 2nd March.
Sachsen Tuesday ... 9th March.
Bayern Tuesday ... 27th April.
Prinzess Alice Tuesday ... 25th May.

ON TUESDAY, the 2nd day of March, 1897, at 9 A.M., the Company's Steamship "PREUSSEN," Captain N. Wetten, with MAIL, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.